
Operating Budget Veto Summary

(SSB 4369, C50 L82 E1. See Veto Message)

General Government

Office of Minority and Women's Affairs/Commission on Mexican American Affairs, Commission on Asian American Affairs, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

The vetoes of Sections 15 and 16 are complementary since the Legislature intended that the Governor's Office of Minority and Women's Affairs serve as a consolidated successor to the three de-funded Minority Commissions. Lack of public input and legislative deliberation coupled with the absence of statutory structure for the new agency were the primary reasons cited for the Governor's action. As a result, the three existing agencies remain funded at the level included in the November, 1981 budget revision.

DSHS - Income Assistance Program

Section 43 (6) would have required the Department of Social and Health Services to transfer to the state general fund any funds saved as a result of actual public assistance caseloads falling below the estimates. The veto of this subsection allows the Department to retain any savings.

DSHS - Services for the Blind and the Commission for the Blind

Services for the blind were transferred in the budget from the Commission for the Blind to the Department of Social and Health Services. The Legislature failed to enact legislation required to implement this transfer. The veto of Sections 49 and 57 serves to negate the transfer of funds, leaving services for the blind under the Commission for the Blind.